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FOR DEA

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SUBJ: EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE: ATTENDANCE OF HONG KONG SAIC

1. CONGEN HAS LEARNED THAT, BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY STRINGENCY, DEA BANGKOK HAS BEEN UNABLE TO APPROVE PARTICPATION BY HONG KONG SAIC SHOSTROM AT FORTHCOMING BANGKOK REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE. IN OUR VIEW, THERE ARE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF EA NARCOTICS PROBLEMS WHICH ARE UNIQUE TO HONG KONG AND WHICH CAN ONLY BE PROPERLY PRESENTED BY SAIC.

2. HONG KONG, WITH ITS 100,000 DRUG ADDSEXA, IS PRINCIPAL ASIAN MARKET AND KEY TRANSIT POINT FOR DRUGS MOVING TO EUROPE AND AMERICA. DEA'S CLOSE AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITH HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAS HELPED IN OBTAINING SPECTACULAR SEEIZURES, BUT EVEN GREATER COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WILL BE REQUIRED IN FUTURE BECAUSE THERE IS RECENT EVIDENCE OF INCREASE IN TRANSIT TRAFFIC. SHOSTROM REPORT ON THIS WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO EXAMINATION OF INTERDICTION ASPECTS.

3. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF DEA ACTIVITY HERE IS TO ACT AS CONDUIT FOR NARCOTICS OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS. THIS IS IMPORTANT IN RELATION TO TAIWAN BECAUSE GOVERNMENT  
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OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND HONG KOG GOVERNMENT HAVE NO

RELATIONS, YET ARE INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHER IN PROBLEM OF CHINESE TRAFFICKERS. POSSIBILITY OF DEA ACTIVITY AS GO-BETWEEN HAS BEEN ATTENUATED BECAUSE OF NEW FACTORS IN GRC/HKG NON-RELATIONSHIP AND THIS WILL PROVIDE WEAK LINK IN EA ENFORCEMENT CHAIN. SHOSTROM CAN BEST EXPLAIN THIS PROBLEM.

4. WHILE DEA BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE, WE HOPE DEA BANGKOK CAN RECONSIDER SHOSTROM'S PARTICIPATION. IT SEEMS TO US THAT DEA PRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE WOULD LACK IMPORTANT ELEMENT IF IT SLIGHTS HONG KONG'S ROLE AS REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND NARCOTICS ENTREPOT. CROSS

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